



YEAR 5 CURRICULUM INFORMATION

English

Narrative - We will be writing our own 'Finding Tales' where the character takes an object and is whisked off to an amazing adventure.

Non-Fiction - We will write our own David Attenborough-inspired descriptions of animals found in the North American Continent.

Grammar - the year 5 grammar skills we will be learning includes:

- Uses brackets, dashes or commas for parenthesis e.g. asides, additional information
- Using relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose,
- Uses vocabulary choice, word order, sentence length, sentence complexity and punctuation for effect
- Using expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely.



Please log on to bug club to practise grammar and spelling every week.

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>



Our class novel:

Topic Overview :

This half-term we will be taking our own Hillcross road trip to different places in the continent of North America. During our fascinating journey, we will explore different biomes, climate zone and vegetation in places within this amazing place.



Our topic this half term is :

We're the kids in America!

Some brilliant books to read:

- Carson Crosses Canada by Linda Bailey
- Once Upon a time....there was a little bird by DK (a north American Folk tale.
- Across the Bay by Carlos Aponte
- Introducing North America by Chris Oxlade
- 50 adventures in the 50 states by Kate Siber and Lydia Hill.

Useful Websites

<https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/north-america-facts.html>
<https://www.britannica.com/place/North-America>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znmmn39>

Important dates!

Please visit our website for important dates:



I love this topic! What else could I do?

- **English, geography, computing:** create an advert to encourage people to visit a particular place in North America. You will need to research your place of interest. Find out about the weather, culture, fun facts, things to do and anything else that you discover about your place. Then make an advert persuading people to visit. You could make your advert using PowerPoint or record it like your own mini film.
- **Science (physics):** Use your scientific enquiry skills to investigate different surfaces in your house (e.g. table top, carpet, wooden floor, laminate, patio, grass etc.). Which surface has the most and least friction? How do you know? How did you test your theory? Present your information in any way you wish.
- **History:** Research a famous person from American history. It could be someone linked to music, art or sport or you could choose a religious or political figure. Present this information in any way you wish. This could be a book, PowerPoint, video, song, or using a thinking tool of your choice.
- **Maths and computing:** Plan a trip to a place in North America using an online holiday website (make sure you ask permission from a responsible adult first). What is the cheapest way to get there? What accommodation could you choose? What activities can you do while you are there.